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UN Human Rights Council  
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¶1. (SBU) The DCM met April 19 with MFA International  
Organizations Department Acting Director General Vu Anh  
Quang to deliver reftel's points and letter from the  
Secretary to Foreign Minister Nguyen Dzy Nien. Quang said

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that the MFA values U.S. viewpoints on multilateral issues  
such as human rights, arms control and economic development.  
The matter of membership on the UN Human Rights Council is  
no different, and Vietnam will take into consideration our  
presentation as it formulates its own position, he said.

UNSC: Guatemala vs. Venezuela  
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¶2. (SBU) In response to the DCM's inquiry about whether  
Vietnam has come to a decision regarding Guatemala's and  
Venezuela's competing candidacies for a non-permanent UNSC  
seat (Refs B and C), Quang said that the MFA's IO Department  
is "leaning" towards supporting Guatemala, but that the  
final decision will have to be made by Vietnam's leadership.  
Should Vietnam support Guatemala, it would be with the hope  
that the United States will support Vietnam's own candidacy  
for non-permanent UNSC membership in 2008-2009.

Next UN Secretary-General  
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¶3. (SBU) On the subject of the next UN Secretary-General  
(Ref D), Quang noted that the leaders of ASEAN have thrown  
their support behind the candidacy of the ASEAN (Thai)  
candidate. However, with other strong Asian candidates in  
the running, the ASEANs are also open to discussing this  
matter with other Asian countries to find the best Asian  
candidate. Quang expressed his hope that the United States  
would also support an Asian candidate. The DCM stressed our  
desire to find the best candidate possible, regardless of  
region.

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